

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the present invention, medical image data such as image data produced by an endoscope system stored in a mass storage device that is installed in a medical institution are backed up in a backup server over the Internet. The backup server is managed by a service provider, according to a contract made by a service receiver with the service provider. Moreover, the service receiver makes a contract with the service provider by accessing a web server owned by the service provider at an endoscope server system or a personal computer connected to the Internet.

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